

No. 219.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following letter reporting on Danger off Olifant's Point is published for general information.
By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th November, 1878.

REPORT ON DANGER, OFF OLIFANT'S POINT.

H.M. Surveying Vessel *Fawn*, Table Bay,
5th June, 1878.

Commodore F. W. SULLIVAN, C. B., Senior Officer.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that on the 3rd instant, I made an examination of the locality where the Union mail steamer *Kafir* struck and was lost on February last.

2. The Survey has not been exhaustive, as time would not allow me to fill up thoroughly the great blanks that have been left in the Chart of the entire west shore of the Cape Peninsula, nor was there any occasion why a very close Survey of the waters off Olifant's Bosch should be undertaken.

The locality is well-known to fishermen, who spend great part of their lives there, and three visits that I have made by land from Simon's Town, have convinced me that these men know of no danger outside the Rock called by them the "Albatross," on which they one and all declare the *Kafir* to have struck, they having been eye witnesses of her movements.

3. The result of my examination is that the "Albatross" rock is 1,200 yards from the shore of Olifant's Point, or 500 yards farther seaward than previously shown on the Chart.

4. The spot where the *Kafir's* remains now lie is 1.6 miles to the S.E. B S. of this rock.

5. A *tracing of my soundings in this vicinity is enclosed for your information.

I have, &c.,

W. J. L. WHARTON,
Commander in charge of Survey.

* Filed in Surveyor General's Office, for general information.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 23.]

BAY OF BENGAL, COAST OF BURMA.

Reported Shoal, North-west of Cheduba Island.

Mr. W. E. Hutchinson, Commanding the British India Steam Navigation Company's Steamer *Avagye*, whilst on a voyage from Bassein to Kyouk Phyou, observed heavy rollers and breakers indicative of a shoal patch, with probably only 2 or 3 fathoms at low water, lying 8 miles to the north-west of Beacon island, Cheduba, coast of British Burma.

From the shoal, West point of Ramree island bears N. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., and the north-west point of Cheduba island S. E. by S., which places it in latitude $19^{\circ} 2' N.$, and longitude $93^{\circ} 21' 30'' E.$

CAUTION.—The whole of the neighbourhood of Cheduba and Ramree islands is imperfectly known, and careful navigation is necessary.

[The bearings are Magnetic: Variation $2^{\circ} 55'$ Easterly in 1878.]

By Direction of the Government of India,

A. DUNDAS TAYLOR, *Comdr. (late I. N.),*
Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

NAVY SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, 15th October 1878.

affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cheduba strait and Ramree harbour, No. 832; Elephant point to Cheduba, No. 821; Bassein Bay, No. 830; Bay of Bengal, No. 706; Indian Ocean, No. 748b; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. 1, page 490.

received on boardship, the substance of it should be inserted on the Charts affected by it, and introduced into the Sailing Directions